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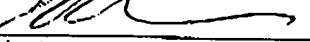
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**GROUP 1600**For: Intracellular Delivery Vehicles**OFFICIAL**

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RESPONSEThe Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Examiner Lacourciere:

Thank you for the Office Action dated Nov. 21, 2000. Please enter these amendments:

## IN THE CLAIMS

*SUB C1* 40. (Amended) A method of [generating an immune response comprising the step of] introducing a foreign antigenic agent into a eukaryotic cell comprising the step of contacting the cell with the bacterium of claim 11 under conditions whereby the agent enters the cell.

*B1* 53. (Amended) A method for [treating a disease comprising comprising the step of] introducing a foreign therapeutic agent into a eukaryotic cell comprising the step of contacting the cell with the bacterium of claim 11 under conditions whereby the agent enters the cell.

*B2* Please cancel claim 65.